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AP story on Hilsman appearance Moss subcommittee as it actually appeared Washington Post quite different from ticker item described reftel. Post story headlined QUOTE Moss reassured on Viet-Nam news UNQUOTE. Moss quoted as saying American people getting as much info as possible considering US advisory role, and that Harkins instruction (your A-327) are in substance identical to Deptel 1006. Harkins instructions also quoted. Hilsman statement to effect ~~XXXXX~~ Department pointing out distinct not completely satisfied GVN handling press but ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ improvement GVN performance this area included at end of article.

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